Question for written answer E-004540/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Security at Barajas

Like hundreds of passengers, I found myself in a situation of real danger in the T-4 satellite terminal at Barajas Airport in Madrid on 2 May 2016. The build-up of passengers caused by the train between the terminals breaking down resulted in overcrowding. Another passenger and I stopped the escalators just as people started falling on top of one another. At no time was any information provided, nor were exits opened to relieve the overcrowding. The absence of staff was clear, as was the lack of coordination with police passport control, who continued to send passengers to the area that was blocked up.

Given AENA's lack of response to a minor incident that could have ended in tragedy, particularly at a time when terrorism threat levels are high:

Is the Commission aware of these events? Does it consider Barajas Airport's security plan to be adequate? Given the severity of these events, is it thinking of opening an investigation?

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